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Applicants: Vargas, Jaime; et. al.  
Assignee: Vascular Innovations, Inc.  
Title: Sutureless Closure and Deployment System for Connecting Blood  
Vessels  
Serial No.: 09/664,588 Filing Date: September 18, 2000  
Examiner: Not yet assigned Group Art Unit: 3731  
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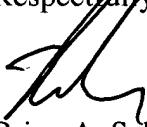
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**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**  
**OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCE**

On April 27, 2002, Applicants' attorney reviewed the application file, which had previously handled by an outside law firm, and noticed that a German-language reference, DE 29713335, was submitted on February 26, 2001. Enclosed is an English language abstract of this reference, which is provided in order to concisely explain the relevance of DE 29713335, under MPEP 609 and 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3)(i).

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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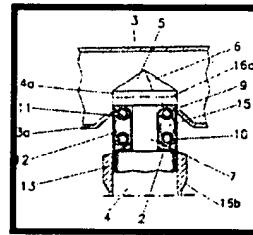
## Surgical instrument for joining prosthesis to artery - has trocar-like shaft with conical point and neck section onto which end of vessel prosthesis is slid with clamps provided for retention

Assignee: QUATCHADZE G Individual  
Inventor(s): none

Accession / Update: 1997-505015 / 199747

IPC Class: A61B 17/115 ;

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Derwent Abstract

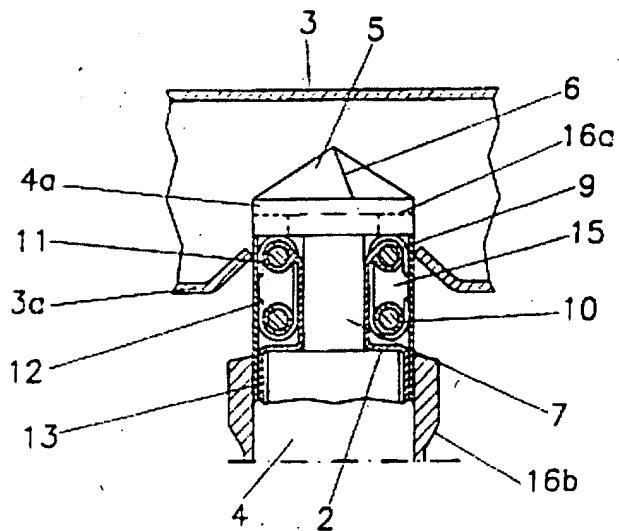
(DE29713335U) The endoscopic instrument consists of a trocar-like sleeve shaft (4) with a conical point (5). The shaft has a handle section and an operating mechanism which acts at the distal end. The shaft has a circumferential groove-like neck section (7) for accepting the expandable end (9) of a vessel prosthesis (2) which slides onto the shaft.

The prosthesis is intended to be inserted into the side wall of an artery (3). Several C-shaped clamps (11) are provided in close proximity to each other which are operated by a clamp closer (16) mounted in the neck area of the shaft.

**USE/Advantage** - Surgical instrument joins prosthesis to artery without requiring open surgery procedure.

Abstract info: DE29713335U: Dwg.1/4

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Patent	Issued	DW Update	Pages	Language	IPC Class
<u>DE29713335U1</u>	* Oct. 16, 1997	199747	13	German	A61B 17/115
Local appls.: DE1997002013335 ApplDate:1997-07-26 , Utility (97DE-2013335)					

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DE1997002013335U	July 26, 1997	

Title Terms:

SURGICAL INSTRUMENT JOIN PROSTHESIS ARTERY TROCAR SHAFT CONICAL POINT NECK SECTION END VESSEL PROSTHESIS SLIDE CLAMP RETAIN

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter;
- (3) Explanation of Relevance of Non-English Language Reference; and
- (4) English-language abstract of DE 29713335.

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